



# City Council Sells Bonds for Paving Main Street

## FAIRFIELD COUNTY NEWS AS REPORTED BY OUR CORPS OF CORRESPONDENTS

### STOVER

Mrs. J. T. McDonald, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McDonald, Jr., and Miss Mammie McDonald motored to Charlotte Wednesday and spent a few days with Mrs. Will Lybrand.

Mrs. D. McDonald, Misses Lizzie and Alice and Mr. James McDonald motored down to Great Falls one afternoon last week.

Mrs. Martin McDonald and children went Tuesday of last week with Mrs. B. S. Bankhead.

Mrs. D. McDonald and Miss Lizzie McDonald spent Thursday of last week with Mrs. Higgins.

Mr. J. J. Black and Mr. Chalmers Clowd, of Rocky Creek, motored up to Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Black and spent the day Friday.

A lot of Stover people have been butchering pork.

Mr. Ned Young butchered one which netted four hundred pounds.

Oh! You readers just ought to come up and see the new road from Stover to Blackstock. Mr. J. L. Higgins is putting it in a tip top condition. You can see cars going in all directions. Some on business, and some joy riding.

Misses Lizzie Mae and Nannie McDonald spent Saturday night with Miss Martha McDonald.

An event of much interest was a shower given by Mrs. Neely Bankhead for her sister, Miss Viola Dixon, Saturday afternoon at 2:30, it was enjoyed by all present. The guests embroidered cup towels for the bride. The prize given for first to finish was won by Misses Lizzie McDonald and Janie McKeown, which was later presented to the bride. After looking at the beautiful and useful presents which the bride received. The guests were invited into the dining room where a delicious salad and sweet course was served.

The bride cake was then cut for good luck.

The following is the honor roll of the Stover school:

Grade 1. Marion Bankhead, Annie Mae Bankhead, Martha McDonald.

Grade 2. Sarah McDonald, David McDonald, and Annie B. Black.

### JENKINSVILLE

Mrs. C. D. Chappell and Mrs. C. B. Douglass spent last week visiting Mrs. Arthur Mabin, of Mabinson and Mrs. Wicker, of Newberry.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Yarborough and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Glenn spent last Wednesday in Columbia.

Mr. J. F. Yarborough spent last Friday in Columbia.

Mr. W. T. Glen attended the funeral of Mrs. G. W. Ragsdale, mother of Mr. G. W. Ragsdale in Winnsboro Sunday.

Messrs. J. F. Yarborough, J. C. Chappell and T. C. Chappell attended the funeral of Myrtle Eargle who died at Parr last Saturday.

Miss Lois Chappell spent Friday night and Saturday of last week in Columbia.

Mrs. Price will leave the latter part of the week for Aiken, where Mr. Price is now employed. Mr. Price was for a while a member of the construction force at work on our road. Mr. and Mrs. Price made their home while here with Mrs. Katie McDowell.

### LONGTOWN

On December 9th, the ladies of Longtown will serve a hot supper at the schoolhouse, beginning at 6 o'clock. There will be oysters and other good things to eat, also a booth of fancy work, cakes and candies. The public is invited. The proceeds will go to the cemetery fund. Those who are interested in having a good fence around the cemetery, are asked to come and help.

Rev. Lamreaux, of Ridgeway, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wilds one day last week.

Miss Marie Mayer is expected to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Mayer.

Mrs. B. F. Mayer visited in Ridgeway last week and attended the Boyd-Wilson announcement party.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hudson, Mrs. R. A. Hudson and Mrs. R. L. Kelly shopped in Columbia Monday.

Mr. J. P. Jones, Jr., from Mount Holly, N. C., spent the week-end with

### home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kelly attended the hot supper at Rabons cross roads last Friday evening.

Mr. Cobb, of Columbia Seminary, will preach in Longtown every first and third Sundays afternoon at 3 o'clock.

### HILLCREST

Mrs. J. G. Park and little daughter, of Spartanburg, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Park.

Mrs. Annie McNaul has returned from a visit to her mother, Mrs. J. T. Timms, of Hickory Ridge.

Messrs. J. M. and Boyce Park and L. W. Hawes spent Friday in Columbia.

Miss Belle Lemmon visited Mrs. Eugene Rabb of Columbia last week.

Miss Elizabeth Kerr was the week end guest of Miss Rosa Park.

Mr. H. D. Milling visited relatives in Columbia last week.

Miss Ella Hagood is spending some time at home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Park and little son spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Timms, of Hickory Ridge.

Mrs. J. C. Frick, of Columbia, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Hagood.

Miss Lucile Lemmon fell and broke her collar bone Saturday, we hope she will soon be out again.

### MITFORD

Mrs. Robert Lee Moore, of New Orleans, is home with her people for a few weeks.

Miss Jo Miller Glass and Mrs. J. S. Glass and Mrs. R. L. Moore spent awhile Tuesday afternoon with Mr. Richard Jackson and his mother.

Mrs. R. L. Moore spent Wednesday and Thursday with Mrs. W. B. Lumpkin.

Mr. W. B. Lumpkin is suffering a great deal from an injury of a mule kick on the face, but his many friends hope for him a speedy recovery and for him to be out again soon.

Miss Jo Miller Glass spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. B. F. Ford, of Great Falls.

Miss Isabel Glass spent one night last week with Miss Mary Raines.

Messrs. Rufus Keistler and Alex Glass spent Monday in Columbia.

Master Julian Ford is spending a few days with his grandmother, Mrs. J. S. Glass.

Mount Zion, B. Y. P. U. Sunday afternoon. Everybody welcome for the meeting.

The Epworth League Sunday night at 7:00 o'clock.

### STROTHER

Mrs. W. B. Pearson entertained Thursday evening complimenting the teachers of Monticello, Pine Grove and Rock Creek and also Blairs. Games, contests and dancing furnished amusement. Refreshments of fruit, jellatine, hot cocoa and cakes were served by Misses Katherine Pearson and Sallie Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Willingham invited a number of their friends to enjoy a turkey dinner with them last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Willingham, Mrs. Ella Hentz, Mrs. W. B. May, Miss Helen Gue, J. S. J. Suber, Jr., and E. F. James enjoyed the turkey supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Blair's, of Blairs, Friday evening.

Miss Helen Gue spent Wednesday night at the home of Mr. J. D. Blair, Sr.

Mesdames Sadie Suber and Georgia May spent Friday with Mrs. W. S. Blair.

Mesdames J. S. J. Suber, Sr., and Ella Hentz spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Coleman.

M. L. Whitener, of the Cox-May Lumber Co. is away on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Little and son, Bill, Jr., are here after spending five weeks with relatives in Wadesboro, N. C.

Hunter Brown spent the week-end in Newberry with Sloan Chapman.

E. F. and P. W. James went to Union Saturday afternoon on business.

Guy Whitener

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## HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST OVER THE STATE.

Columbia.—Mrs. Dais, Edgerton, of Washington, agent of the United States forestry service, is in the midst of an intensive forestry conservation campaign in South Carolina, with meetings at various parts of South Carolina.

Mrs. Edgerton reports a cordial reception of the recently revived forestry movement at the district meetings of the South Carolina Federation of Women's clubs, which she addressed at Hartsville, St. George and Fairfax. The club women in session at these district centers have received with enthusiasm the message of the United States forestry service to the advocates of the forestry movement, through Mrs. Edgerton, who is urging upon her hearers the great value and indispensability of the forest wealth of the state. She reminded them of the recognition which this state has given to the forest conservation in forestry laws put on the statute books as early as 1798, against the wilful burning of the woods, but drew attention also to the fact that many of these laws have been repealed by short-sighted means; that those which have survived are ineffective and that the one adequate forest protection law passed by the legislature within a decade was vetoed by the governor at the time.

The time is ripe for South Carolina to fall in line with the great majority in American conservation of natural resources, Mrs. Edgerton says.

"Time was when an American forester, if he could be found, was looked upon as a faddist, a dreamer," she says. "Today all the states having woods areas within their boundaries, except a backward few, of which South Carolina is one, acknowledges the past and present abuse of our forests and recommend wise use and protection. The time is at hand when neglect of this resource will be considered a civic disgrace as well as an economic waste. South Carolina's leading industry, agriculture, is dependent in many ways upon the products of her woods, and as recent influences in soil and water. South Carolina's second industry, lumbering, needs no explanation in this connection. South Carolina's Piedmont factories use more developed water power dependent upon protection of headwaters, than any other South Atlantic state. The destruction of her forest resources, however gradual, will work increasing hardships upon her. The time to check threatening conditions is at hand. Every section of the state should co-operate to place the new forestry movement on the active list of an established American policy of forest protection.

From all sections of the state a demand is being made for Mrs. Edgerton's services and requests from the schools in various sections of South Carolina, and before civic bodies, county fairs, and opportunities by which she can address people in groups are being made for her services. These invitations will be considered by Mrs. Edgerton as soon as she can map out her work for the coming weeks.

Mrs. Edgerton spoke before the league for law enforcement in Camden and made a very profound impression upon her hearers.

Tobacco Growers Receive Payment. Timmonsville.—Out of the \$1,250,000 received in South Carolina by the Co-operative Tobacco Growers' association, practically \$100,000 of this amount has been paid out in Timmonsville by L. H. Bane, local warehouse manager. From what can be learned, the tobacco growers, without exception in this locality, are highly pleased with the checks received and are optimistic in regard to the third payment. It is believed that the majority of the farmers will be keen for the association next year, as many conservative farmers, after figuring carefully the prices received by share croppers who sold to independents and prices received through the association, claim that the co-operative method will tally at least \$15 more per acre. Already there are a large number of applicants in this section anxious to sign up when the new drive is on. Trade has been brisk here since the second payment checks came in and the business houses are realizing the good effects of the association.

Cherokee Farmers Plow Under Stalks. Gaffney.—Much fall plowing is being done in the vicinity of Gaffney at this time, more than has been done for many years; the farmers as a rule are plowing under the cotton stalks as fast as the cotton is gathered and almost all of the staple has been picked out.

While the crop is short the prices realized has enabled the farmers to come out ahead, so the crop was cheaply made. Taking everything into consideration the farmers of Cherokee are in pretty good shape.

## GENERAL NEWS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

Washington.—Civil suits to recover more than \$20,000,000 alleged by the government to have been fraudulently expended in the construction of Camps Upton, Jackson, Sherman and Funston, were instituted by the department of justice against the contractors who were in charge of each project.

The suits were said in official circles to be the initial step in a campaign at law against war-time contractors who were suspected, on the basis of auditors' reports, to have gone beyond the intent and purpose of the authority given them by federal departments.

Additional actions are in prospect, it was said at the department of justice, as soon as complete reports have been made by the special force of auditors which has been engaged for 15 months in an analysis of construction records. Whether criminal action will be taken in any case, it was said, would depend to a degree upon the results of the civil suits.

Unofficial estimates place the total which might be expected to be recovered from all the construction cases at between \$70,000,000 and \$80,000,000. In the cases filed the government alleges that the Hardaway Contracting company spent in excess of \$6,500,000 in building Camp Jackson, S. C.; the Thompson-Starrett company, \$6,000,000 at Camp Upton, N. Y.; Bentley & Sons' company, \$5,000,000 at Camp Sherman, Ohio, and George A. Fuller & Company, \$6,000,000 at Fort Riley, Kansas. The suits were filed at Charleston, S. C.; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Columbia, Ohio; and Topeka, Kansas, respectively.

Identical bills of complaint were laid in each case, the principal accusation being that the contractor violated "a direct and intimate relationship of trust and confidence" in executing this contract, while it was impossible, because of the existing war emergency, for the government to exercise normal supervision and inspection of work. As a result, it is alleged, the contractors are indebted to the government for money in the sums set forth and for great quantities of material, declared to have been purchased on government credit and misused.

Moves to Settle Pay of Senators.

Washington.—As an outcome of the recent discussion over seating of Mrs. W. H. Felton, of Georgia, as the first woman senator. Chairman Curtis, of the senate rules committee, introduced a resolution to regulate pay of senators appointed and elected to fill vacancies. It would give pay to appointees until elected senators qualified and not from the date of their election. Under the resolution, Mrs. Felton would be paid until the day she retired and would operate immediately to reduce the pay of Senator George, democrat, Georgia, who succeeded Mrs. Felton.

Favor End of Rail Combine.

Washington.—Challenging the contention of the Southern Pacific railroad representatives that separation of their system from the Central Pacific, as ordered by the supreme court, would have an injurious effect on both roads and hamper development of the Pacific coast, counsel for the Union Pacific before the interstate commerce commission sought to bring out advantages to be gained by carrying out the dissolution order.

Farmers in Boots Will Demand Aid.

Washington.—The Farmers National council announced that a "committee of farmers in boots" will arrive in Washington for a series of conferences with members of congress and government officials relative to legislation to aid the farmers. The committee, according to the announcement, will be prepared to "let the government know what legislation is necessary to save the farmers from disaster."

Negro Has 25 Children.

Mobile, Ala.—William Gadsden, a negro, brought to Mobile from Cullomberg, Washington county, Alabama, and locked up on a charge of attempting to use the mails to defraud, declared he was the father of 25 children, 23 of whom are living. Gadsden said that he was twice married.

Tell Harding to Urge Reclamation.

Washington.—President Harding was asked by a delegation of house members from western states to include in his annual message to congress next month a recommendation for the passage of the Smith-McNary reclamation bill. This measure was passed by the house at the last session and the senate attached it to the soldiers' bonus bill which failed of passage over President Harding's veto.

The legislation was headed by Representative Smith.

## COMMUNICATION FROM MR. MEARES ON IMPORTANT ISSUES IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY

### WEEKLY NEWS LETTER FROM WINNSBORO MILLS

A union service of all denominations was held last Sunday evening at the Baptist church at which time a warm welcome by the whole community was extended to the Rev. Mr. Gregory, the newly appointed minister of the Methodist church.

Rev. George C. Gibson, on behalf of the village extended greetings to the new minister. Mr. Gregory replied in a few well chosen remarks, expressing "his appreciation" of the hearty greetings and pledging his best efforts in helping to build a better and happier community life.

The pastor delivered the sermon of the evening taking as his subject: "Christian Testimony", using the text Luke 12-8, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the son of man confess before the Angels of God.

Each night while the mill operates, the ladies of the Baptist church are serving hot coffee and sandwiches to the employees at midnight in the recreation room. They are rendering a fine service to those who work at night and at the same time they are realizing a neat sum to apply on payment of the new church. The ladies say that it is great fun to help.

In the absence of the pastor Rev. George C. Gibson, for a short vacation the service at the Baptist church next Sunday night will be in charge of Mr. W. E. Rambo, chairman of the finance committee. Every Baptist in the village whether he be a member of the village church or not should be present. Each one in sympathy with the church is also cordially invited. Matters of vital importance will come up. It is a great rally meeting of the church and every one should make a special effort to get out. You will not regret coming. Show your colors and be there. Sunday school meets at 10 a. m. Be there to do your part.

Rev. Mr. Gregory will be at the Methodist Sunday school Sunday afternoon and will fill the pulpit in his church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Every member of this congregation should be present.

The office is happy today. They moved Monday from their old offices to the new office building at the South end of the mill. Each member of the staff may have more privacy and more rest for the nerves in the new location.

Rev. George C. Gibson left Wednesday afternoon for Georgia, where he will spend a few days with his parents in search of rest. While away he will visit his brother in South Georgia and spend a few days shooting quail, ducks and turkeys.

On Tuesday evening the Boy Scouts entertained the Camp fire girls by taking them on a hike and by preparing supper for them in the woods. The supper was in the shape of a weiner roast. The scouts were in charge of Scout master Gibson while the Camp fire girls were under their guardian, Miss Mayme Douglass. Prof. Scarborough, who is interested in both clubs, went along to enjoy the evening. Camp was struck near a good spring of water and a big fire was kindled and cooking began. After the supper the bunch trudged home singing and swopping stories. All enjoyed the evening.

Mr. Will Morton damaged his car when he crashed into Mr. Braswells truck last Monday. It is not known exactly how the accident occurred.

We are beginning to catch the Xmas spirit. Already whispers are heard, "wonder what Santa Claus is going to bring me". We are going to make it a great Christmas by putting our whole selves into it for others.

Thanksgiving is on us. Let us stop for a moment and with bowed head reverently attempt to count our blessings that have been showered upon us during the past year and during all past life. If we think correctly, we shall praise God for his Providence and thank him for every cross as well as for every crown. All good gifts come from Him and all misfortunes should send us to Him as our help.

Editor The News and Herald:

The time has come apparently when it is essential to hold a landowners-taxpayers' convention of the whole people of the county to devise measures to avert the universal bankruptcy staring us in the face, if steps are not taken in the coming winter to bring about a change in present conditions.

Our population drifts away at the rate of one per cent monthly of the total population, which never at any period was sufficient in numbers but to scratch the surface, never developing our rich resources, and unique in that it is the sole county, with one possible exception, where negroes are five to one.

There are not at present three hundred white families in Fairfield living upon farms that they themselves own, and on which they depend for a livelihood.

It is time to face facts. For Fairfield county is being more disastrously affected by the coming of the boll weevil than any other within the Piedmont belt. Why this is so is obvious, at least to those who live within it; and to discuss that phase of it is out of place just now; the crisis is right here.

[Owing to the tenantry system of agriculture and the renting of farms on liens to negro laborers, hitherto almost universal with us, which tended to consolidate extraordinary large acreage within one individual holding, and, further, eliminated any mode of farming but that of cotton raising, and with rentals demanded in terms of bales of cotton, we, as a people are confronted with a situation where the landowners are loaded with a burden of unavailable, dead assets in shape of huge abandoned plantations, on which taxation is laying its ever increasingly heavy hand.

You, yourself, Mr. Editor, have clear and trouble with Fairfield in your most admirable editorial of the 15th inst., upon the subject "Our Prospects." You pointed with pride and satisfaction to the efforts making, in various modes, throughout the county for progress—the building of better roads, the school improvement, the paving of streets in the county seat. "But," you said further, in effect, "all these evidences of improved conditions would be deceptive of the real situation within the county if the farming population should not be restrained by some means from deserting the country districts." That is the kernel of the problem.

To arrest this emigration and stop the draining of the life-blood of our community, new methods and drastic changes in our management of public affairs must be conceived and put in operation. It's folly for Fairfield to await general action on the part of the State in general through its legislature. Conditions peculiar to this county cannot be treated by state-wide remedies soon enough. In a word, and to conclude, unless ways and means are devised and put into operation within the succeeding year whereby the surplus and abandoned lands throughout the county may be split into farms of convenient size and suitable for the operation of the form agriculture of the new era that is now upon us, so as to be readily sold at their intrinsic worth to incoming settlers, the very landed wealth, potential but utterly unavailable in present shape, of the land owners in this county, will sink them into bankruptcy by the weight of taxation; and in their ruin, none—lawyers, teachers, preachers, bankers, doctors, merchants—none will survive.

Hence I venture, Mr. Editor, to call upon the use of your columns to sound the opinion of our people, and if it be their disposition to meet together in consultation for the good of all during the month of January, where in a convention of common consultation may be undertaken to authorize means of averting the threatened ruin of our resources.

That Fairfield will find herself if she pulls together there is not a doubt.

I'll leave this subject further for your consideration and guidance. My personal opinion, if not unduly gratuitous for expression, is, the subject is a matter for settlement for

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